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Sir:

Attached for filing is the patent application of:  
Inventor: CORDEN et al  
Entitled: BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITES

and including attachments as noted below:  
☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ 40 pages of specification and claims (including 12 numbered claims), and  
☐ 10 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:  

Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
Great Britain	19 August 1997
	19 August 1998

Application Number  
9717433.8

PCT/GB98/02399

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
Certified copy(ies) filed on February 18, 2000 in prior appln. no. 09/506,363 filed February 18, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/506,363, filed February 18, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited.  
It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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Independent claims				
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